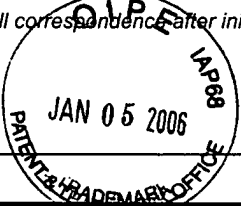
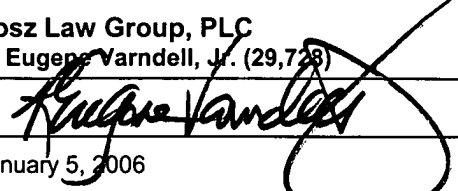
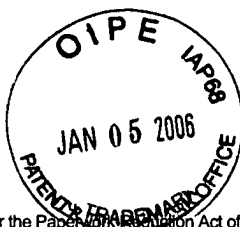


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INVENTOR(S): Kinichi OTSUKA et al.

TITLE: WORK VEHICLE WITH TILT FLOOR

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Applicant maintains the previous claim to small entity status of this application. See 37 C.F.R § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed October 5, 2005. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, making this response due on or before January 5, 2006.

Claim amendments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.